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SUBJECT: AF ASST SEC MOOSE MEETING WITH VOLTAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. SUMMARY: MOOSE BILATERAL SESSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KARGOUGOU COVERED UNPRECEDENTED WILLINGNESS OF MILITARY LEADER LAMIZANA TO SUBMIT TO FREE ELECTIONS, OPEN UPPER VOLTAN SOCIETY AND IMPRESSION THIS WOULD HAVE ON USG ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS; KARGOUGOU'S IMPRESSIONS OF KHARTOUM OAU SUMMIT, ESPECIALLY WESTERN SAHARA AND CHAD ISSUES; ANGOLAN PRESIDENT NETO'S WILLINGNESS TO DEAL WITH USG; AND MOOSE CONFIDENCE IN AMBASSADOR BOYATT AND CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH CHARGE KILLION, AS WELL AS PRAISE FOR WORK OF VOLTAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON YAGUIBOU. END SUMMARY.

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2. JULY 30 AF ASST SEC MOOSE HAD ONE HOUR MEETING WITH VOLTAN FOREIGN MINISTER KARGOUGOU. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES YAGUIBOU PARTICIPATED. MOOSE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AF/W DIRECTOR AND CHARGE KILLION.

3. MOOSE BEGAN BY COMPLIMENTING KARGOUGOU ON ARRANGEMENTS MADE

TO RECEIVE MISS LILLIAN'S DELEGATION. HE EMPHASIZED THE EXCELLENT IMPRESSION MADE BY ALL VOLTANS ON THE US DELEGATION AND CONTINUED BY RECALLING HIS LAST MEETING WITH KARGOUGOU IN WASHINGTON. KARGOUGOU REPLIED BY DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE RECENT TRANSITION OF THE UPPER VOLTAN GOVERNMENT FROM MILITARY TO CONSTITUTIONAL CIVILIAN RULE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS UNIQUE IN AFRICAN HISTORY THAT A PRESIDENT WHO HAD SEIZED POWER THROUGH THE MILITARY SHOULD OFFER HIMSELF FOR ELECTION AS A CIVILIAN PRESIDENT.

4. MOOSE REPLIED BY EMPHASIZING HOW GREATLY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS IMPRESSED BY THE VOLTAN EXAMPLE AND HOW HELPFUL IT HAS BEEN TO BE ABLE TO CITE TO UNINFORMED AMERICAN CRITICS OF AFRICA IN GENERAL THE EXAMPLE OF UPPER VOLTA'S OPEN SOCIETY AND PEACEFUL RETURN TO A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM. MOOSE SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN THE UNITED STATES ASSESSED ITS POSITION VIS-A-VIS ASSISTANCE TO UPPER VOLTA IN PARTICULAR AND THE SAHEL IN GENERAL. MOOSE THEN EMPHASIZED US SUPPORT FOR THE SAHEL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

5. MOOSE ASKED KARGOUGOU FOR HIS IMPRESSION OF THE KHARTOUM SUMMIT MEETING. KARGOUGOU REPLIED THAT THE SESSION HAD BEEN UNUSUALLY WELL ATTENDED BY CHIEFS OF STATE BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND IN PARTICULAR BECAUSE OF THE URGENCY OF THE WESTERN SAHARA

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PROBLEM. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, KARGOUGOU SAID THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF POLICIES OF THE NEW MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT. IT WAS CLEAR THAT MAURITANIA WANTED PEACE. WHAT WAS UNCLEAR WAS THE ATTITUDE OF THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT WHICH NOW HAS 9,000 TROOPS IN MAURITANIA. KARGOUGOU HOPED THAT THE OAU DECISION TO APPONT FIVE "WISE MEN" FROM AMONG AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO A SOLUTION. HE SPECULATED HOWEVER THAT MOROCCO WAS NOT RPT NOT PREPARED TO DISENGAGE FROM THE SAHARA. AGAIN IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, KARGOUGOU SAID HE HAD NO USEFUL SUGGESTIONS TO OFFER TO THE UNITED STATES. HE RECOGNIZED THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES AS ONE OF NEUTRALITY TOWARDS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ISSUE. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE FIVE WISE MEN BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO SEEK A SOLUTION.

6. THERE WAS A VERY BRIEF DISCUSSION OF ANGOLA IN WHICH MOOSE EMPHASIZED THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE NETO GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO ITS ABILITY TO ENTER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES IN RECENT WEEKS.

7. IN RESPONSE TO MOOSE'S QUESTION REGARDING THE

CHADIAN SITUATION, KARGOUGOU SAID THAT THERE WAS NO DISPUTE ABOUT FACTS. THE NORTH HALF OF CHAD WAS OCCUPIED BY SOME 2,000 REBELS SUPPORTEDBY LIBYA.

8. IN RESPOONSE TO MOOSE'S QUESTION AS TO WHY THE OAU HAD BEEN THUS FAR UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO CONDEM LIBYAN INTERVENTION IN CHAD WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR FRENCH INTERVENTION ON THE SIDE OF THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT, KARGOUGOU GAVE AN ESSENTIALLY EQUIVOCAL REPLY, THE ESSENCE OF WHICH WAS THAT IF THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE OAU COULD ANNOUNCE THAT THE FRENCH WOULD WITHDRAW AS SOON AS LIBYAN PRESSURES WERE RELAXED IT WOULD HAVE AN EFFECT ON LIBYAN POLICY.

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9. MOOSE CONCLUDED THE SESSION BY EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE IN AMBASSADOR BOYATT, DUE TO ARRIVE IN A FEW WEEKS' TIME, BY EMPHASIZING HIS LONG AND CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH CHARGE KILLION, AND BY PRAISING THE WORK OF AMBASSADOR YAGUIBOU IN WASHINGTON. KILLION

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